



Creating more efficient civil justice

SB 370
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SUMMARY

Senate Bill 370 will create a more efficient standard for Requests for Production of Documents. Specifically the bill will require the documents to be organized and labeled to correspond with the categories in the demand.



specific request because it streamlines the process for parties receiving this information and makes litigation more efficient. Often litigants will produce a mass quantity of documents without specifying the category

to which said documents are responsive.

BACKGROUND

Current law, the Civil Discovery Act, allows parties in civil action to “discover” items that are relevant to the case. This includes documents, tangible things, land or other property, and electronically stored information. The Civil Discovery Act requires that any document produced during discovery be produced as they are kept in the usual course of business, or be organized and labeled to correspond with the categories in the demand. This means, for example, if the document is stored in a digital format, the document must be provided in digital format..

PROBLEM

In the production of documents in response to a request for production, the rules should specifically require that all such documents be produced directly in response to each

SOLUTION

This bill will require references to which responses correspond with each document request and eliminate the option to produce documents as they are kept in the usual course of business.

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